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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 dated February 14, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the two-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire on April 14, 2006, this amendment is being filed in a timely manner and no fee for extension is deemed necessary. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.